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The identified were references cited in an Office Action issued on May 8, 2007, for counterpart Japanese Application No. 2003-015928 filed on September 20, 2000. A copy of the reference and the Office Action are submitted herewith. None of the cited references are in English and a machine translation for each one is enclosed.

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